



# Makua Lani Christian School

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Newsletter

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## Makua Lani Christian School

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### Mission Statement

Makua Lani Christian School will work together with the parents and church to provide a Christ-centered spiritual, academic, and physical foundation that will produce individuals who will be Biblical thinkers capable of serving the world for Christ.

### Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you . . . Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

*"For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."*  
*Colossians 1:16-17*

Dear Friends,

As you read the above scripture, I think it encapsulates our Worldview at Makua Lani Christian School. Our Lord Jesus is the creator and the author of all things. When you look around our island, you can not help but see His handiwork. From the stars—which He knows individually by name—to the ocean waves and currents—to the beauty of Mauna Kea—or the power of Kilauea, His handwork is there. He has left His fingerprints all over His creation.

And His fingerprints are here with the families at Makua Lani. Thank you for being sacrificial as you choose to have God in the core of your child's education. Our faculty takes seriously Biblical Integration—that is interweaving Him in all parts of the curriculum. The teachers are committed to teaching your student mentally, physically, and spiritually. We are also committed to our mission statement to work together with the home, and the church to send out individuals who will be Biblical thinkers capable of serving the world for Christ.

Recently, a Makua Lani graduate was working at Queen's hospital in Oahu. A 98 year old gentleman was admitted to the hospital under the care of this graduate. When asked what was wrong with this elderly gentleman, our graduate said "everything." But according to our graduate, this 98 year old gentleman knows where he is going. He knows where he is spending eternity. That is our challenge to know where we are going and who we are working for. Our goal is to pack out heaven and share the good news whether in the secular world or in Christian circles and our ultimate goal—to be with Him and make Him smile.

May we all seek Him as we work for Him.

Blessings to us all.  
Thaddea



## Chapel Update

Thank you to our worship leader, Jonny Buell, for great Praise and Worship time and getting our hearts ready for our chapel speakers.

### August 26

Our first chapel of the year traditionally gives each teacher an opportunity to share a scripture with the student body. Here are the scriptures shared.

**Doug Andrews:** 1 Corinthians 9:27. "I beat my body and make it a slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." Doug is our cross country coach.

**Bill Paulsen:** Micah 6:8. "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you, but to act justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

**Christiana Pitts:** Philippians 4:12-13. "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation whether fed or hungry whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything with Him who gives me strength."

**Joy Stephens:** Colossians 2:2-3. "My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

**Ben Bricken:** Isaiah 32: 1-2. "See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land."

**Dusty Bauer.** James 1:12. "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."

**Page Alapai:** Philippians 4:6-7. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Cathy Sugiyama:** 1 Timothy 4:12. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

**Cole Robinson:** Isaiah 58:11. "The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."

**Abbey LePage:** Ephesians 3:20-21. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."

**Jonny Buell:** Philippians 3:20. "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

**Thaddea Pitts:** Colossians 1:16-17 see Page 1 of the newsletter.

## Summer Book Reading

Thank you for encouraging your child to get the summer reading accomplished. Please realize if your student did not do this, it will affect his/her grade.

## Student Drivers

All student drivers MUST turn in a driving permission form, a copy of their driver's license and a copy of their current car insurance card to the office. This needs to happen right away in order for them to continue to drive to school.

## School Pictures

Pictures will be taken by Bob Brown on Friday, September 11. Picture ordering forms have been emailed home, give to your child and available on our website. Please have your form and payment in to the office by Sept. 10th. Thank you!

## Back to School Night - Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm

We look forward to seeing all of you parents at "Back-to-School Night". This is your opportunity to meet our teachers and see the program they have set forth for your child. Bring a dessert or snack to share for our fellowship afterwards. See you then!

## TUITION

Tuition payments are due on the 10th of each month. Please contact Debbie Mabuni at KCA (329-3093) if you have any questions. Please keep your account current.

## Advanced Placement Exam Fees

Students taking AP Literature or AP US History will be charged \$86 per exam taken in May 2010. This will be added to your tuition. Please call the office if you have any questions.

## Senior College Night

Tuesday, September 15th, 7:00pm in room 6 (upstairs in the chapel area). Our college counselor, Kim Dong will be helping the Seniors and their parents go through the college application process.

## Student Government 2009-2010

President: Emma Elliott

Vice-President: Mia Mardikian

Treasurer: Cassin Muramoto

Secretary: Eric Dong

### Homerom Reps

8th grade: Allie Amstutz & Amanda Madigan

9th grade: Cori Anderson & Lauren Mabuni

10th grade: Andrew Dong & Masaki Shields

11th grade: Lexi Mabuni & Kainoa Seeley

12th grade: Damian Mabuni & Austen Wells



Advisor: Miss Pitts

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## WORK DAY THANK YOU'S

Thank you for the following families for their tremendous help in getting our school ready for opening day.

Thank you to: Karen Anderson, Teresa, Cecil and Nick Loera, Mark Muramoto, Scott and Leslie Robinson and family—especially young Jordan who allowed a praying mantis a home for the day. David and Jonathan Nagy, Ron Koki(uncle for Jonathan), Gladys, Ricky and Andrew Creitz, Willy Navarro, Archie Mardikian, and Robin and Beth Wells.

Thank you to Damian Mabuni and Taran Giraud for helping us set up our new school crest under the first line of the Makua Lani song on the front of Room 3.

Thank you also to the following teachers that came to the workday:

Thaddea Pitts, Page Alapai, Cathy Sugiyama, Joy and Rys Stephens, and Doug Andrews.

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## Accreditation This Year

As you all know, Makua Lani is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. In 2003 a team from ACSI visited the school taking us through an extensive accreditation process. In 2006 one member came to monitor our progress. Now in 2010, we have the team coming again. The team will be here for January 10, 11, 12 and 13. Why is accreditation important? Probably the biggest reason is that we can prove our academic strength to colleges and universities; however, it is a wonderful opportunity for an indepth self study. As we work towards accreditation, we review our curriculum and line it up with the DOE standards as well as developing continuing integration of a Biblical Worldview in all areas of learning. We also make sure that all of our full time teachers are certified and up to date with graduate educational courses. It encourages me to take a look at our facility and make sure we are doing the very best with what the Lord has given us with a 93 year old campus. Thank you for all of you that took a wall to paint.

Through the accreditation process we have 4 major Expected Schoolwide Learning Results we call ESLR's. An explanation of our ESLR's are on the next page. We are focusing on Committed Christians this year.

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## Accreditation Needs

During the Accreditation visit, four individuals will come from California to take us through the accreditation process. We need places for our team to stay. Each member of the team needs their own room and there also needs to be a place where they can gather and compile their work.

During the visit, there will be a need for help with lunches and breakfasts. This can be considered a work day. So please let me know at your earliest convenience if you can help us in these areas.

**MAJOR NEED:** A place to house the team from January 10<sup>th</sup>-January 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let the office know if you can help in this area. You will be blessed by meeting these wonderful people.

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## College Corner

Mrs. Kim Dong is our new college counselor. You may contact her directly at makualanicounselor@gmail.com with your questions. You can go online to the college board website- www.collegeboard.com for more information and to register your child. Most of our students take the SAT at Kealakehe High School. You usually have to register about a month before the exam so you do not have to pay a late registration fee. Makua Lani's school code is 120064.

### **SAT Test Dates:**      **ACT Test Dates**

Oct. 10, 2009	Oct. 24, 2009
Nov. 7, 2009	Dec. 12, 2009
Dec. 5, 2010	Feb. 6, 2010
Jan. 23, 2010	Apr. 10, 2010
Mar. 13, 2010	Jun. 12, 2010
May 1, 2010	
June 5, 2010	

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## ESLRs

Expected Schoolwide Learning Results

Students should leave Makua Lani as:

### Committed Christians

- Having accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
- Having developed a Christian Worldview
- Having gained a deeper knowledge of and respect for God's word
- Demonstrating the reality of their faith by doing good works, either in their school, church, or community
- Shall be people of character

### Effective Communicators

- Able to assimilate information and communicate it clearly through the use of speaking, writing, and technology
- Able to read and listen critically and respond appropriately to oral and written communication
- Able to understand the need and value of working together and maturely resolving interpersonal conflicts

### Critical Thinkers

- Able to analyze, evaluate and synthesize information through independent and/or cooperative effort in order to reach resolution.
- Able to transfer learned skills to a new setting
- Able to identify and analyze arguments or underlying assumptions

### Self-Directed Learner

- Who have a vision for their future and have set appropriate goals to realize that vision.
- Who know which learning strategies work best for them and how to apply these strategies to learn new concepts and skills
- Who understand the value of being a life-long learner

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## Shop at KTA and Raise Money for Makua Lani

The Kokua i Na Kula school fundraising program has begun. Shop at any KTA and as you check out they will give you a little slip to write a school number on it. Please write number 38 for Makua Lani and we will get a portion of the donated funds for our school. Thank you!

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## Asbestos Notice

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Response Act (AHERA). The law requires all schools with any grade levels between kindergarten and 12<sup>th</sup> grade to be inspected for asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan that is based on the findings of the inspection. The Management Plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970s contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing.

The inspection of our school is complete and no asbestos was found.

Our Management Plan had been drafted and is in its final form of submission to the Governor's office. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the materials in a safe manner. A copy of our Management Plan is on file for your review in the school office.

## Bibles

All students must have a Bible here at school. We use them in chapel on Wednesdays and in various classes throughout the week. Please ensure that your child has one everyday. Thank you!

## Tardy Reminder

All students are allowed 5 tardies in the morning to their homeroom per quarter...(this does not include tardies during the day to class.) After the 5 tardies have been used, detention

will result. The sixth tardy is 20 minutes detention during lunch and each after that is a full lunch detention. This policy has been most effective in dealing with a difficult problem. Thank you for your help in this area.

## Citizenship Grade

Makua Lani has a citizenship grade for all students. This grade is based on staying within the guidelines of the framework of Makua Lani as presented in the Parent / Student Handbook. Your support in this is extremely important. If a student loses points, the points may be made up in room 3 during lunch on Fridays. A teacher will be in room 3 monitoring this. To gain back the points, a specific writing assignment will be assigned to be completed during the lunch break. Only 10 points are allowed to be made up each quarter.

We have awards at the end of the year for students who maintain 100% citizenship throughout the entire school year. If your child's citizenship grade falls below 80% or they are on step 3 or greater, you will be contacted and your child may not be eligible for honor roll, sports, or other activities for that quarter. The citizenship grade starts new each quarter. Each student begins the quarter with a 100%.

## Parent / Student Handbooks

Our new 2009-2010 Parent / Student Handbook is available on our website at [www.makualani.com](http://www.makualani.com). Each student is currently reading through the handbook in homeroom and will be signing off on each section that they have

understood it. We will be sending home a hard copy for each family once this process is complete. Please read and review the handbook with your child (ren). There are some new policies we have updated and good information to be aware of.

Parents will also sign off that the Handbook has been read. A special form will be sent with the hard copy.

## Cross Country Race Schedule

- Sept. 5 – 10am @ Kealakehe
- Sept. 12 – 10am @ Kamehameha
- Sept. 26 – 10am @ Kohala
- Oct. 3 – 10am @ HPA
- Oct. 10 – 3:30pm @ Kamehameha
- Oct. 24 – 2pm @ Kamehameha  
BIIF Championships
- Oct. 31 – 9am on Kauai  
State Championships

## Bowling Game Schedule

- Sept. 3 – 3pm @ Kona Bowl
- Sept. 5 – 10am @ Kona Bowl
- Sept. 12 – 10am @ Hilo Bowl
- Sept. 19 – 10am @ Hilo Bowl
- Sept. 26 – 10am @ Hilo Bowl
- Oct. 3 – 10am @ Hilo Bowl  
BIIF Team Championships
- Oct. 24 – 10am @ Hilo Bowl  
BIIF Team Championships

## Large Roll Top Desk for Sale

Please contact the office if you are interested. We are asking for at least a \$50 donation that will go toward our senior class. Thank you!